

I shall immediately issue a notice to the officers of the Provisional Government to give place to those elected by the people.

I have to request that your excellency will recommend to the honorable Legislature the appointment of a suitable committee to inquire into the condition of the Treasury.

With the greatest respect, Sir, for your person and office, and with the sincerest wishes for your continued health,

I have the honor to be your very obedient servant,

JAMES H. BELL.

Secretary of State of the State of Texas, under the Provisional Government.

The resolution from the House relative to the Penitentiary was taken up, read, and referred to the Committee on Penitentiary.

On motion of Mr. McDade the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 15, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain. Roll called—quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The following report from select committee to whom was referred a bill to incorporate "Hart's Creek Turnpike Company" was read:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the "Hart's Creek Turnpike Company," in Titus county, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report that with the accompanying amendment, they unanimously approve said bill and recommend its passage.

W. P. SAUFLEY, Chairman.

Amendment.—Strike out "Chief Justice" wherever it occurs in said bill and insert "County Judge."

Passed to the orders of the day for August 16th.

Senator Cook offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to inquire into the propriety of repealing or amending in whole or in part an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the Public Printing," approved November 22d, 1859, and report by bill or otherwise as early as practicable.

Read and adopted.

Senator Stell introduced a bill concerning the filing of manuscripts in the Supreme Court.

Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator McDade introduced a bill to incorporate the "Brazos Bridge Company."

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to repeal certain existing Acts therein specified.

Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Reed introduced a bill to confer civil rights on Freedmen, and for other purposes.

Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Dalrymple offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving to actual settlers upon the unappropriated public domain of the State, three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon condition that they shall remain upon the land for three years after settlement.

Adopted.

Senator Stell introduced a joint resolution assuring the President of the United States of the loyalty of the people of Texas, and asking the removal of the Federal troops from the interior to the frontier of the State.

Read first time.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to incorporate the "Colorado Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing Company."

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

The following communication from the Governor was received, and on motion of Senator Shelley, was read :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Austin, Texas, Aug. 14th, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

Herewith I transmit (to the House of Representatives) the Report of Francis M. White, Provisional Commissioner of the General Land Office, in regard to the condition of that office, and its operations during his administration of its affairs ; also a

communication from the Commissioner, Capt. Crosby. I would respectfully suggest the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, at an early moment to make the investigation requested by the Commissioner.

J. W. THROCKMORTON.

Laid on the table for the present.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Austin, Texas, Aug. 14th, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives.

The accounting officers of the Government have brought to my attention, that by order of Hon. A. J. Hamilton, Provisional Governor, appropriations were made by him to pay the salaried officers of the State in specie, and as a few of the District Judges and Attorneys have not received their pay, and as a question arises as to the propriety of paying out money now without an appropriation, it is respectfully suggested that an act be passed at once that will relieve the officers, &c. The officers who live remotely, and have not been able to draw their pay, in my judgment, should fare as well as those who have been more favorably situated. The Comptroller estimates that an appropriation of \$15,000 specie, or currency equal to that amount, will be ample to cover the contingency.

There should, also, I am informed, be an appropriation in currency to meet clerks' and sheriffs' dues accruing in criminal prosecutions during the time of the Provisional Government.

J. W. THROCKMORTON.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Senator Randolph introduced a bill to amend an act to adopt and establish a Penal Code.

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Penitentiary.

Senator Bumpass, Chairman of Printing Committee, reported as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
August 15th, 1866. }

To Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

Your committee, to whom referred the resolution inquiring into the propriety of amending the law in relation to the printing of the Journals of the Legislature, make the following report :

That so much of the Law as relates to publishing the Journals of the Legislature, passed on 22d November, 1859, be repealed, and amended so as to allow the Journals to be published at such

time and in such manner as the Legislature may deem proper, and therefore unanimously recommend the immediate passage of the accompanying bill.

JOHN K. BUMPASS, Chairman.

Bill read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Report from Judiciary Committee on a bill "authorizing guardians to take lands in payments of debts due their wards."

The following resolution, calling upon the Comptroller for information, was taken from the President's desk.

Resolved, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts be requested to furnish the Senate the following information from his office, viz :

1st. The amount in aggregate of the different kinds of taxable property in the State as shown by the Tax Rolls of 1865, and the Rolls of 1866 ; and in case any county or counties shall not have made returns for either of those years, then the estimated value of the taxable property in such county shall be given for the respective year.

2d. The estimated amount of land and other taxable property in the State unrendered.

3d. The estimated less as near as may be, from the Rolls, and other archives of his office, of revenue heretofore derived from taxation on slaves.

4th. The estimated expenses of the civil government of the State per year.

Senator Shelley proposed to amend by striking out all of 1st paragraph after the word "of" in third line, and insert the words "his office."

Amendment made. Resolution adopted.

Senator Shelley offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The State burial grounds have been appropriated by the military stationed at the capital, for the burial of deceased soldiers ; and whereas, it is understood that such appropriation has been made because there was no other suitable place subject to be used by the military forces for such purposes ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on State affairs be instructed to inquire into such appropriation of the State Cemetery, and the propriety of setting apart such portion of the public grounds for the use of the military as a burial ground, and of removing the bodies now interred, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Bumpass introduced a "bill granting charters to Robt. A. Rike, E. Dobson, A. Reece and James Farres, to build toll bridges across Pilot Grove Creek, Sister Grove Creek and East Fork, on the direct road leading from McKinney to Greenville by Farmersville in Collin county," and asked that it be referred to a select committee of three, naming Senators Blount, Nelson and Lane.

Bill read first and second times and referred to select committee indicated.

On motion of Senator Nelson, the President appointed Senator Bumpass chairman of said committee.

On motion of Senator Shannon, the President appointed a select committee of three, asked for in message from the Governor, to investigate the affairs of the General Land Office.

The President announced Senators Shannon, Foscue and Braswell as the committee.

On motion of Senator Nelson, Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 16, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, made the following report :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition or memorial of the citizens of Colorado county, asking the prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Osage Academy, in said county, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report the following bill, and recommend its passage.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

"A bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Osage Academy, in the county of Colorado, except for medicinal or sacramental purposes."

Received, to come up in order, and bill read first time.